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1. DEMONSTRATION IN CANARIES. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS,  
THOUSANDS OF MOURNERS ATTENDED THE SEPT 25 FUNERAL  
IN SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, CANARIES, OF A YOUTH WHO WAS SHOT  
AND KILLED BY POLICE WHEN HE WAS MISTAKEN FOR THE SUSPECT  
IN THE STILL UNSOLVED KIDNAPPING OF CANARIES INDUSTRIALIST  
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EUFEMIANO FUENTES. THOUSANDS THEN PARTICIPATED IN THE

PROCESSION TO THE CEMETERY, WHERE STONES WERE THROWN AT THE MAYOR. AFTER THE INTERMENT, SOME 7,000 DEMONSTRATORS REPORTEDLY WERE INVOLVED IN CONFRONTATIONS WITH THE POLICE, WHO USED TEAR GAS AND SMOKE BOMBS TO DISPERSE THE CROWD.

2. FALL-OUT FROM INTERIOR MINISTER'S BASQUE TRIP (REF A). THE ONLY CONCRETE RESULTS FROM INTERIOR MINISTER MARTIN VILLA'S TRIP TO THE BASQUE PROVINCES LAST WEEK APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN HIS REPORTED ASSURANCES TO PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS THAT PUBLIC ORDER FORCES WOULD ACT WITH PRUDENCE AS WELL AS FIRMNESS AND HIS INDICATION, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE, THAT THE FLYING OF THE BASQUE FLAG (IKURRINA) DURING NON-OFFICIAL ACTS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS WOULD BE TOLERATED, THOUGH NOT LEGALIZED. MARTIN VILLA'S EFFORTS COULD BE PUT TO THE TEST TODAY, AS THE BASQUE COUNTRY BRACES ITSELF FOR POSSIBLE WIDESPREAD DEMONSTRATIONS COMMEMORATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF LAST YEAR'S EXECUTION OF TWO ETA TERRORISTS. AMCONSUL BILBAO REPORTS THAT PLANTS AND STORES IN THE VIZCAYAN CAPITAL ARE CLOSED AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS AT A HALT, BUT NO DISTURBANCES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT GUIPUZCOA AND NAVARRA ARE EQUALLY SHUT DOWN.

3. ETA POL/MIL WING ANNOUNCES DIVISION OF LABOR. AT A CLANDESTINE PRESS CONFERENCE IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, REPRESENTATIVES OF ETA'S POLITICAL/MILITARY WING ANNOUNCED THAT THEIR ORGANIZATION HAD DECIDED DURING ITS SEVENTH ASSEMBLY, HELD ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, FORMALLY TO SEPARATE ITS PURELY POLITICAL ENDEAVORS FROM ITS EFFORTS AT "ARMED STRUGGLE." ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMEN, SOME MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION WOULD BREAK OFF TO DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO THE FORMATION OF A "REVOLUTIONARY" PARTY WHOSE AIM WOULD BE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT, UNIFIED BASQUE STATE AND THE TAKING OF POWER--APPARENTLY THROUGH DEMOCRATIC MEANS--BY THE BASQUE WORKING CLASS. ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE NO "ORGANIC LINKAGE-BETWEEN THE POLITICAL PARTY AND THOSE WHO WILL CONTINUE TO DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO TERRORISM, THE TWO GROUPS WOULD WORK FOR A "COINCIDENCE OF POLITICAL ANALYSIS IN ORDER THAT THE ARMED STRUGGLE WOULD BE SYNCHRONIZED WITH POLITICAL ADVANCES." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(COMMENT: THIS LARGELY CONFIRMS INFORMATION REPORTED REF B. NEEDLESS TO SAY, ANY PARTY WHICH IS ASSOCIATED WITH ETA TERRORISM AND WHOSE AIM IS AN INDEPENDENT BASQUE STATE IS NOT ABOUT TO BE LEGALIZED BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.)

4. FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA AT THE UN. IN ADDITION TO PARTICIPATING IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION AND MAKING POINTS, GENERALLY, FOR THE SUAREZ GOVT AND ITS PROGRAM,

OREJA WILL REPORTEDLY SIGN FOR SPAIN VARIOUS DOCUMENTS ON POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS TO WHICH THE FRANCO REGIME ALWAYS REFUSED TO ADHERE. HE HAS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED TO US HIS PLEASURE AT SIGNING THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION YET ANOTHER SIGN THAT SPAIN IS MOVING TOWARD A WESTERN EUROPEAN POLITICAL SYSTEM.

5. FELIPE GONZALEZ IN THE NETHERLANDS. PSOE FIRST SECRETARY FELIPE GONZALEZ MET OVER THE WEEKEND WITH DUTCH PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL AND FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, WHOM HE REPORTEDLY TOLD THAT THE PSOE, AFTER ITS PLANNED NOVEMBER CONGRESS, WOULD PRESENT A DETAILED PLATFORM, CONTAINING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL, AGRARIAN, AND REGIONAL PLAN. AFTER THE MEETING, GONZALEZ TOLD OVER 1,000 SPANISH EMIGRANT WORKERS THAT "THE PATH TO DEMOCRACY IS NEGOTIABLE, BUT DEMOCRACY ITSELF IS NOT." HE ALSO REMINDED HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE SPANISH MONARCHY IS AN INSTITUTION ABOUT WHICH THE PEOPLE HAVE NOT YET EXPRESSED THEMSELVES, AND HE RE-AFFIRMED THE PSOE'S "REPUBLICAN VOCATION." GONZALEZ WILL NOW TRAVEL TO THE UK, WHERE HE WILL BE THE SPECIALLY INVITED FOREIGN SPEAKER AT THE LABOR PARTY'S BLACKPOOL CONGRESS.

6. A THIRD "OLLERO DOCUMENT." INDEPENDENT OPPOSITIONIST CARLOS OLLERO, WHO HAS EXPRESSED TO US HIS CONCERN OVER THE OPPOSITION'S FAILURE TO PLAY A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE, HAS DRAFTED A THIRD POSITION PAPER TO WHICH HE IS ENDEAVORING TO ATTRACT BROAD OPPOSITION BACKING. ALTHOUGH THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT HAS NOT YET LEAKED AND IS CURRENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED BETWEEN PLATAJUNTA AND NON-PLATAJUNTA GROUPS, IT IS SAID TO BE ALONG THE LINES OF HIS TWO EARLIER REPORTS (REF C), I.E., A FIRM BUT MODERATE OPPOSITION COMMUNIQUE ON THE CURRENT SITUATION WHICH CAN ATTRACT A BROADER SPECTRUM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF SUPPORT THAN MORE SECTARIAN DOCUMENTS, SUCH AS THE RECENT TOUGH PLATAJUNTA STATEMENT (REF D). A WEEK AGO THE OLLERO DOCUMENT WAS UNDER ATTACK BY LEFTIST PLATAJUNTA GROUPS WHICH CHARACTERIZED IT AS TOO "SOFT," BUT IT NOW REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN "TOUGHENED" UP AND MAY WELL EMERGE IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO WITH BROAD OPPOSITION SUPPORT.  
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